

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO IRVIN B. NATHAN

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 21, 2010

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express the appreciation of the entire House of Representatives to Irvin Nathan for his service and commitment as our General Counsel.

Since beginning his tenure more than three years ago—taking his place as the sixth individual to serve as House General Counsel—Mr. Nathan helped assemble and supervise a highly competent and professional staff. He successfully and actively maintained the General Counsel's Office as a trusted, non-partisan resource. Through their hard work and achievements, he and his office have earned the respect of Members on both sides of the aisle.

Under Mr. Nathan's leadership, the General Counsel's Office provided invaluable assistance and advice to the House and its Members, Officers and Committees in connection with a broad range of legal matters. He defended Members and other House employees and entities in judicial proceedings at the trial and appellate levels; responded to deposition, trial, grand jury and administrative subpoenas; and advised Members and Committees in connection with their interactions with both private and other governmental entities.

Many House Committees and Subcommittees, in particular, have come to rely on Mr. Nathan's expertise and guidance in connection with their investigative and oversight activities.

During the past three years, Mr. Nathan has also played a significant role in safeguarding the legal and institutional interests of the House, and in addressing specific challenges to the House's interests and prerogatives. In particular, his work vindicated the House's congressional subpoena authority in the landmark case of Committee on the Judiciary v. Miers.

All Members of the House know that Irvin Nathan will continue his stellar work as Attorney General for the District of Columbia. We know that the District will benefit from his counsel, wisdom, and guidance.

On behalf of the House of Representatives, I express my deepest gratitude and thanks to Irvin Nathan for his dedication to the House, and extend our very best wishes to him in the future.

RECOGNITION OF MIRIAM AND BERNIE YENKIN FOR AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

HON. MARY JO KILROY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 21, 2010

Ms. KILROY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Miriam and Bernie Yenkin who

have tirelessly devoted their lives to supporting education, culture, history and opportunity within the Jewish community of central Ohio.

Miriam and Bernie are the 2010 recipients of the Columbus Jewish Federation Ben M. Mandelkorn Award of Distinguished Service in honor of their 50 years of leadership and dedication to the Columbus Jewish community.

The Yenkins' have received numerous awards and recognitions over the years for their service to the Jewish community here and around the world.

As officers and board members of several local organizations, they are involved in all facets of promoting and preserving Jewish culture and history in central Ohio. In addition to serving as President of the Federation, they have been involved with the Columbus Jewish Day School, Columbus Torah Academy, Agudas Achim, the Jewish Community Center, The Ohio State University Hillel, Soviet Jewry, the Jewish Education Service of North America, the Interdisciplinary Center in Herzilya, United Jewish Communities and the Columbus Jewish Historical Society.

Members of the Columbus Jewish community often credit their own volunteer involvement to Miriam and Bernie's guidance and encouragement.

I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Miriam and Bernie Yenkin for their extraordinary service to the Jewish community of Columbus.

HONORING NORTH ALLEGHENY HIGH SCHOOL AS PENNSYLVANIA STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

HON. JASON ALTMIRE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ALTMIRE. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize and congratulate North Allegheny High School on winning the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association's (PIAA) Class AAAA title. On December 18, 2010, the North Allegheny Tigers defeated the defending state champions, the LaSalle College Explorers, to earn the 2010 championship title.

LaSalle College of Philadelphia was powerless against the Tigers' outstanding running game, despite the fact that an injury kept star running back, Alex Papson, on the sideline for North Allegheny's win. Before being sidelined by a dislocated collarbone in the Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League (WPIAL) Championship, Papson rushed for more than 2,000 yards this season. He is one of only six running backs to ever run for over 4,000 career yards in WPIAL history.

During the game, running back Matt Steinbeck led North Allegheny with 120 rushing yards on 20 carries, including a 27-yard touchdown run in the second quarter. In total, North Allegheny rushed for 220 yards on 44

carries, including a rushing touchdown in each of the first three quarters. With La Salle unable to score, the title game at Hershey Park Stadium ended with a score of 21-0.

It was a remarkable victory for North Allegheny, as they became only the second team to win the Class AAAA title with a shutout. To complete the 2010 season, the Tigers finish up with a 15-1 record, adding a WPIAL and PIAA championship in Class AAAA to the North Allegheny trophy case.

I would also like to pay tribute to Coach Art Walker, Jr. for leading his team to victory during the 20th anniversary of North Allegheny's first PIAA title. Mr. Walker has been at North Allegheny for six seasons. Before that, he spent seven seasons at Central Catholic, where he also won a PIAA Class AAAA title.

It is with great pride that I recognize the school district where I live and where my daughters go to school for its tremendous accomplishment. On behalf of my family and the Fourth District of Pennsylvania, I extend our congratulations to the North Allegheny Tigers for earning the title of State Champions.

RECOGNITION OF CHARLES FEESER FOR HIS EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

HON. MARY JO KILROY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 21, 2010

Ms. KILROY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Charles Feeser for being selected as a winner of the first annual Excellence in Teaching Award. I applaud his extraordinary service to Benjamin Banneker High School, the District of Columbia, and to each and every student that has passed through his classroom.

Praise and accolades fall short when describing the difference an inspiring teacher makes in a young person's life. Mr. Feeser's effectiveness comes from his earnest love of education. His lessons radiate beyond the classroom, teaching students to aspire to and achieve at high levels throughout their high school and college coursework.

Mr. Feeser has his students use nametags that refer to themselves as "Mr." and "Ms." instead of their first names. The practice teaches students that there are rituals that transcend the classroom. That awareness gives students the tools they can use in the larger public sphere. Mr. Feeser creates a community within the classroom. He lectures less, opting to facilitate discussion among students instead. More than a teacher, he is a mentor and partner in the learning process. He takes his craft seriously, and expects the same from those who share the classroom with him. It comes as no surprise that his students consistently win awards, scholarships, and develop a lifelong appreciation for the arts of theater, painting, poetry and prose.

At Benjamin Banneker High School, where he teaches English, art history, and serves as

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